REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in light of the Board's decision. Claim 16 has been amended. All other claims are canceled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the Board's decision, allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, or deem that any formalities need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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